

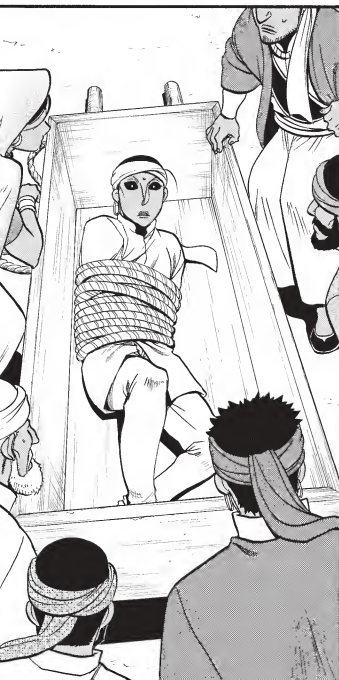
THE HEROIC LEGEND OF ARSLAN



KC
KODANSHA
COMICS

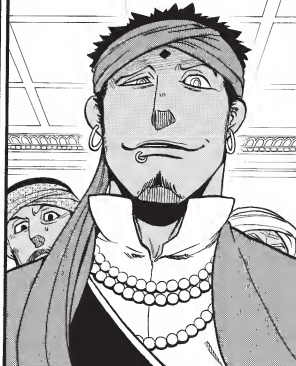
CHAPTER 53

YOSHIKI TANAKA
HIROMU ARAKAWA





WHAT
IS THE
MEANING
OF
THIS
?!



YOU HAVE BEEN
BOTH GIVEN UP
ON BY THE GODS
IN THE HEAVENS
ABOVE, AND
CAST OUT BY THE
HUMANS BELOW.



IT IS
AS IT
APPEARS.



IT
WAS I.

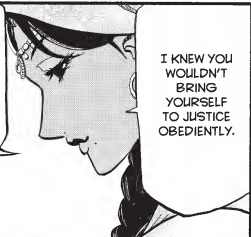
...! UNTIL
THESE
ROPES
!!
WHO HAS
FORCED
ME TO
ENDURE THIS
HUMILIATION?!



DAMN
YOU,
WHORE
!!

YOU
BETRAYED
YOUR
HUSBAND
?!

I TOOK THE
LIBERTY OF
SLIPPING A
SLEEPING
DRUG INTO
YOUR MEAL.

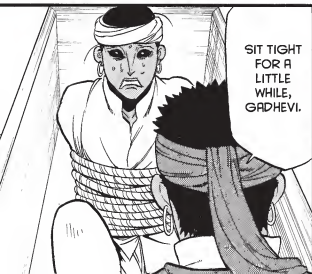


I KNEW YOU
WOULDN'T
BRING
YOURSELF
TO JUSTICE
OBEDIENTLY.



I DID NOT
BETRAY
MY
HUSBAND.

I AVENGED
MY FATHER.

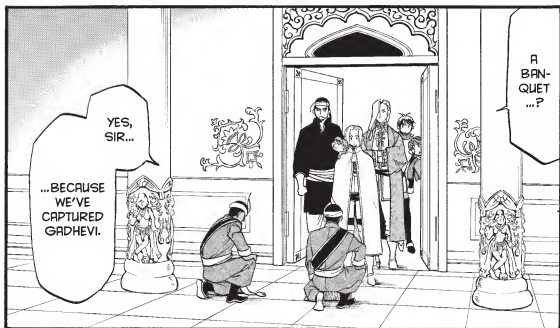


SIT TIGHT
FOR A
LITTLE
WHILE,
GADHEVI.





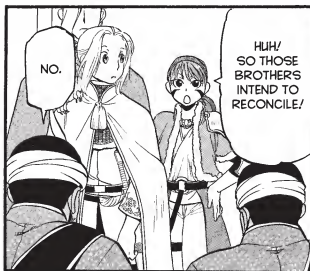
I'M GOING
TO PREPARE
THE
BANQUET.



YES,
SIR...

...BECAUSE
WE'VE
CAPTURED
GADHEVI.

A
BAN-
QUET
...?



NO.

HUH!
SO THOSE
BROTHERS
INTEND TO
RECONCILE!



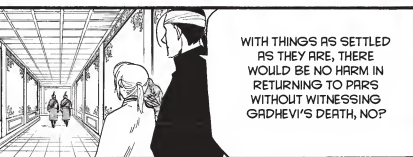
HE
INSISTS
THAT
PRINCE
ARSLAN
JOIN THEM
AS WELL.

HIS
MAJESTY KING
RAJENDRA
HAS SET IT
UP, TO DRINK
WITH GADHEVI.



...IS CARRIED
OUT BY FILLING
THEIR BELLIES,
INTOXICATING
THEM, AND
THEN KILLING
THEM ONCE
THEY ARE
BLIND DRUNK,
SO THAT THEY
WILL NOT
SUFFER.

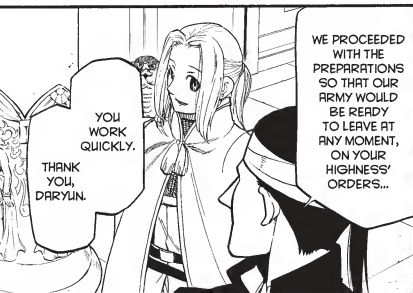
IN
SINDHURA,
EXECUTION
OF
ROYALS...



WITH THINGS AS SETTLED
AS THEY ARE, THERE
WOULD BE NO HARM IN
RETURNING TO PARS
WITHOUT WITNESSING
GADHEVI'S DEATH, NO?



...VERY
WELL.

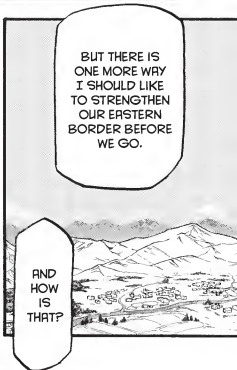
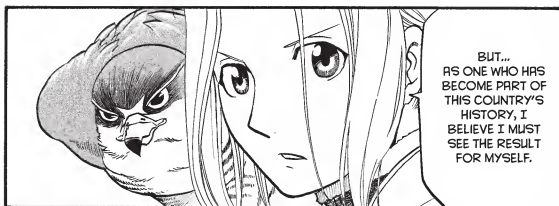


YOU
WORK
QUICKLY.

THANK
YOU,
DARYUN.

WE PROCEEDED
WITH THE
PREPARATIONS
SO THAT OUR
ARMY WOULD
BE READY
TO LEAVE AT
ANY MOMENT,
ON YOUR
HIGHNESS'
ORDERS...

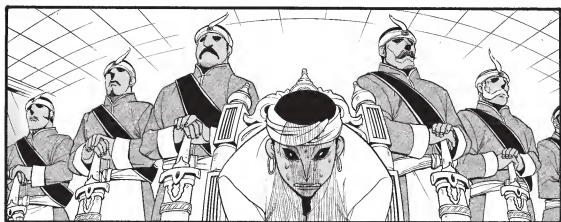
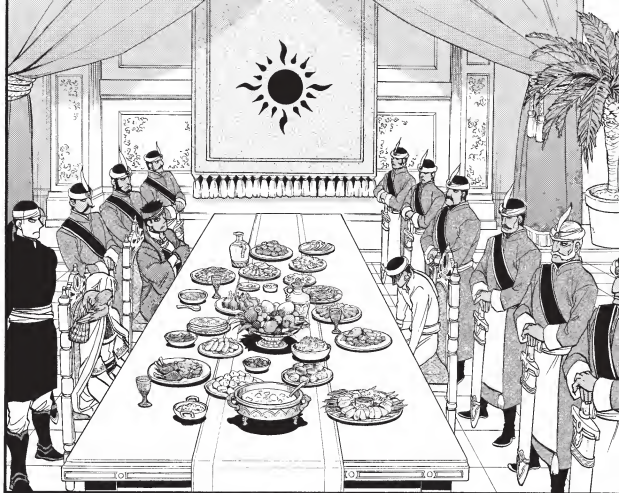
I WILL
ATTEND
THIS
BANQUET.



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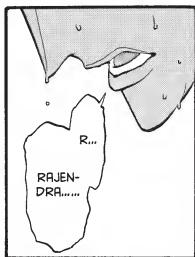


Chapter 53: The Last Supper





WE ARE
BROTHERS
BY BLOOD,
ARE WE NOT?



R...
RAJEN-
DRA.....



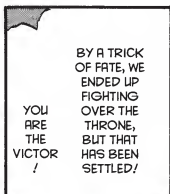
SO
YOU'VE
ACCEPT-
ED IT?

OH?



I WILL SWEAR
MY LOYALTY
TO YOU, AND
DESTROY
YOUR
ENEMIES!

I CAN
BE YOUR
SUBORDI-
NATE!



BY A TRICK
OF FATE, WE
ENDED UP
FIGHTING
OVER THE
THRONE,
BUT THAT
HAS BEEN
SETTLED!

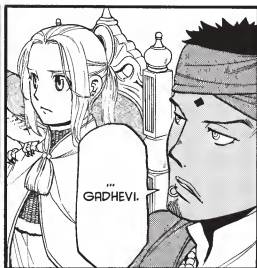
YOU
ARE
THE
VICTOR
!



YES
?!

SO YOU
WILL LET
ME LIVE,
WON'T
YOU?





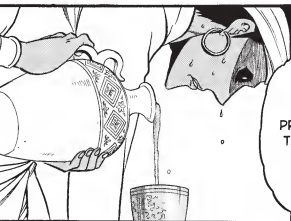
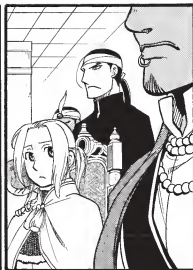


IT IS
UNFORTUNATE
WE WERE
BROTHERS.

IF WE HAD BEEN
STRANGERS,
PERHAPS WE
COULD HAVE
GOTTEN ALONG A
LITTLE BETTER.



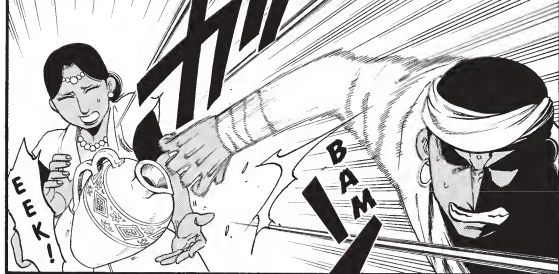
**NOW!
ENJOY
YOUR LAST
NIGHT TO
THE FULLEST,
BROTHER!**

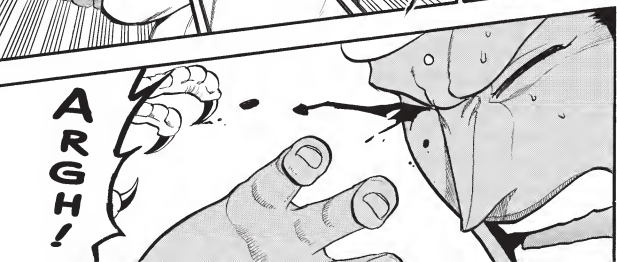
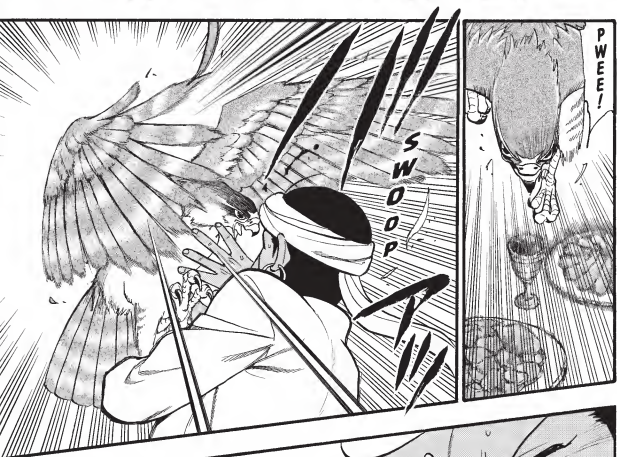


I'VE
PREPARED
THE BEST
WINE!!



GO ON!!
EAT AND
DRINK!!







I NEVER
THOUGHT YOU
WERE THIS MUCH
OF A COWARD...

**AHH-
HHH-
HHH
!!!**



GO TO THE
WORLD OF THE
DEAD, AND
HAVE FATHER
CORRECT
YOUR TWISTED
NATURE!

GADHEVI!



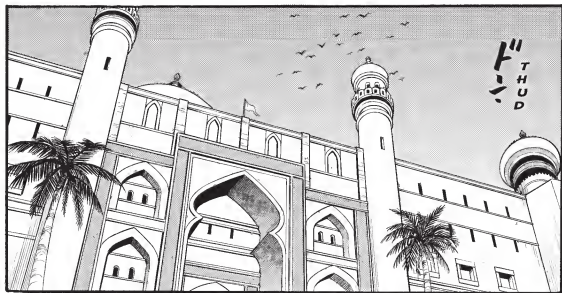
**DON'T!
PLEASE!
NO!
DON'T!
STOP!
DON'T!**

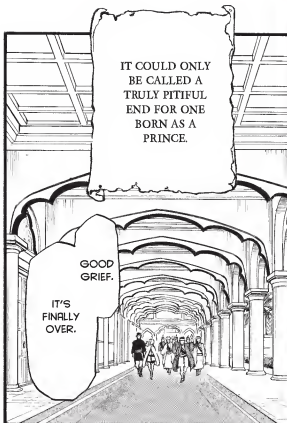
ST...
STOP
!!



L...LET
ME GO,
INSOLENT
FOOLS!!

WHO
DO YOU
THINK I
AM?!

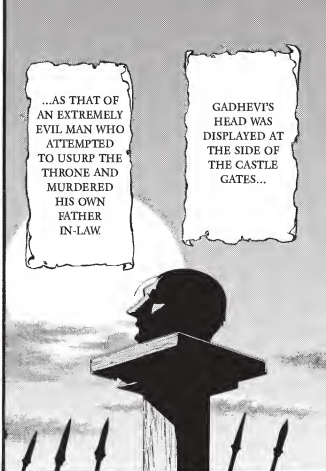




IT COULD ONLY
BE CALLED A
TRULY PITIFUL
END FOR ONE
BORN AS A
PRINCE.

GOOD
GRIEF.

IT'S
FINALLY
OVER.



...AS THAT OF
AN EXTREMELY
EVIL MAN WHO
ATTEMPTED
TO USURP THE
THRONE AND
MURDERED
HIS OWN
FATHER
IN-LAW.

GADHEVI'S
HEAD WAS
DISPLAYED AT
THE SIDE OF
THE CASTLE
GATES...



...INDEED.

BUT IT'S
LEFT A BAD
TASTE IN
MY MOUTH
AFTER THE
WICKED
THING HE
DID.



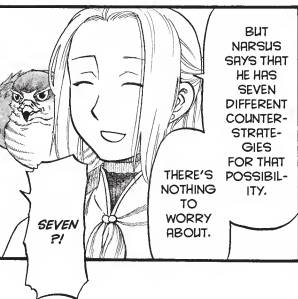
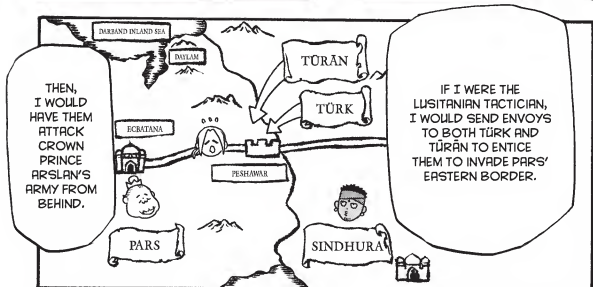
NARSUS
WOULD
KNOW THE
ANSWER
TO THAT
BETTER
THAN I.

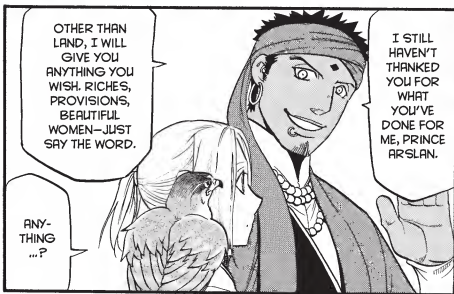
DO YOU
HAVE ANY
HOPE OF
DRIVING
OFF THOSE
INVADERS?

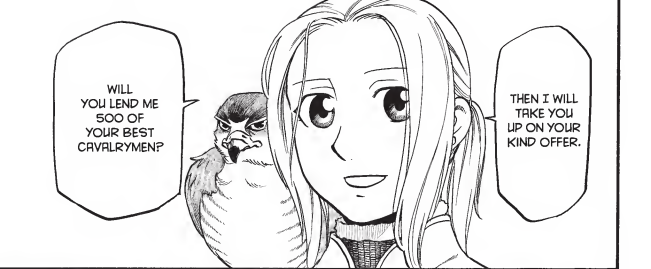


I WILL
RETURN
TO PARS
AND FIGHT
LUSITANIA,
OF COURSE.

WHAT
WILL YOU
DO NOW,
PRINCE
ARSLAN?

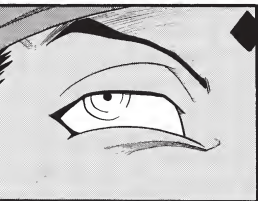






WILL
YOU LEND ME
500 OF
YOUR BEST
CAVALRYMEN?

THEN I WILL
TAKE YOU
UP ON YOUR
KIND OFFER.



THAT'S
IT?

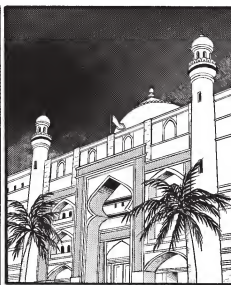
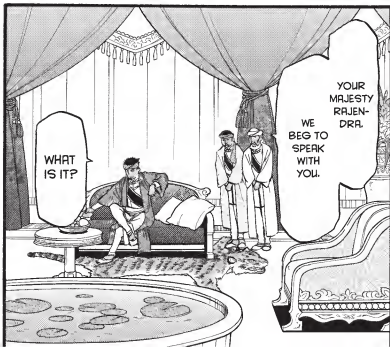
500
CAV-
ALRY-
MEN?



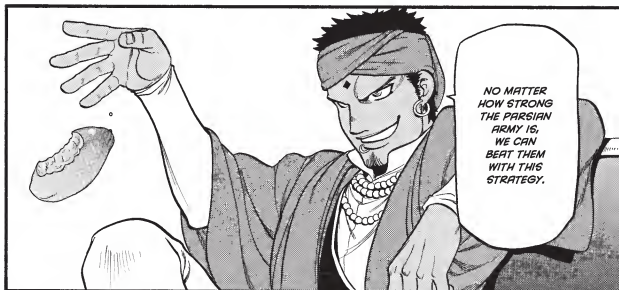
**I WILL
LEND
YOU
3,000
CAVAL-
RYMEN
!!**

DO
NOT BE
SO
RE-
SERVED
!
WE MAY NOT
BE BROTHERS
BY BLOOD, BUT
WE ARE ALLIED
FRIENDS WHO
WILL LIVE AND
DIE TOGETHER!











PART OF WHY I AM
PLAYING SUCH A
SEVERE TRICK ON HIM
IS BECAUSE I WANT TO
HAVE ARSLAN GROW
INTO A MATURE KING!

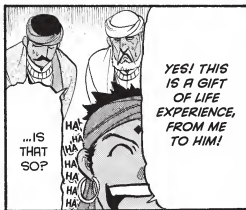


WE WILL TAKE
ARSLAN
HOSTAGE,
WRENCH AWAY
A TIIINY BIT
OF PARSIAN
LAND, AND
THEN SEND HIM
BACK ALIVE.

TO START
WITH, I
LIKE THAT
NAÏVE
BOY!

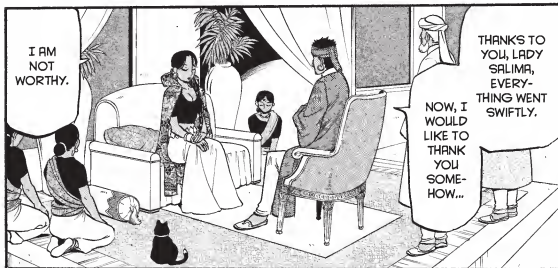


SPEAKING OF
GIFTS, THERE
IS ONE MORE
PERSON I
MUST THANK...



YES! THIS
IS A GIFT
OF LIFE
EXPERIENCE,
FROM ME
TO HIM!

...IS
THAT
SO?

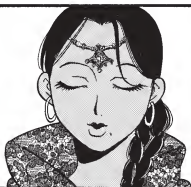


I AM
NOT
WORTHY.

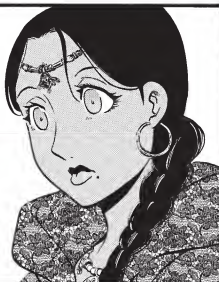
NOW, I
WOULD LIKE TO
THANK
YOU
SOME-HOW...

THANKS TO
YOU, LADY
SALIMA,
EVERY-
THING WENT
SWIFTLY.

NORMALLY,
I WOULD BE
KILLED. YOU
HAVE ALREADY
SPARED MY LIFE.
I DO NOT WISH
FOR ANYTHING
MORE.

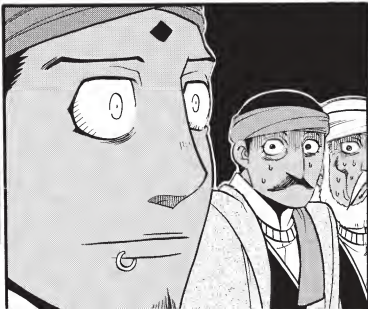
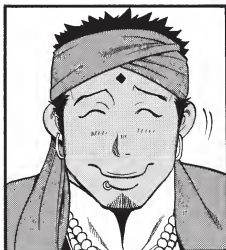


I AM THE
WIFE OF
GADHEVI,
WHO DEFIED
YOUR
MAJESTY...



NO
THERE NEED
MUST TO
BE BE
SOME- HOLD
THING. BACK.







MAY THE
FAVOR OF
THE GODS
BE UPON
YOUR
MAJESTY
EVEN MORE...

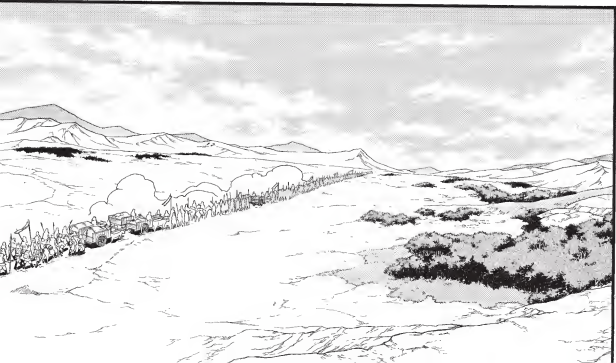


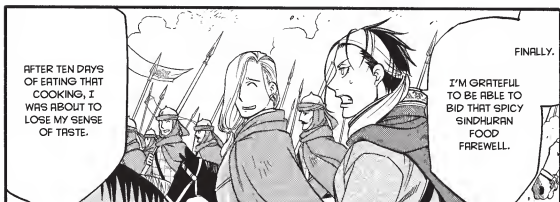
I AM VERY
GRATEFUL.

IF HE'D GONE
WITH "QUEEN,"
I THINK HIS
MAJESTY
WOULD NEVER
BE ABLE TO
LOOK LADY
SALIMA IN THE
EYE AGAIN...

NO, NO,
IF I DID
THAT...
HRRRM...

HMMM. MAYBE
I SHOULD HAVE
TOLD HER I
WOULD MAKE HER
MY QUEEN, NOT
MY CONCUBINE...





AFTER TEN DAYS
OF EATING THAT
COOKING, I
WAS ABOUT TO
LOSE MY SENSE
OF TASTE.

FINALLY.

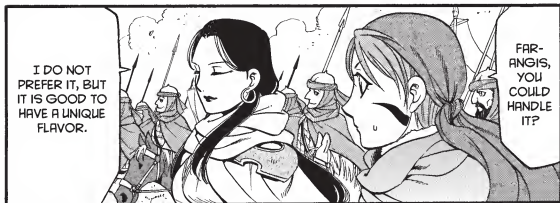
I'M GRATEFUL
TO BE ABLE TO
BID THAT SPICY
SINDHURAN
FOOD
FAREWELL.



BUT IF EVEN THE
COMMONERS CAN
USE EXPENSIVE
SPICES SO
ABUNDANTLY,
IT MEANS THE
COUNTRY IS THAT
PROSPEROUS.

I NEVER
WANT TO
EAT RED
CURRY FULL
OF HOT
PEPPERS
AGAIN.

THEY
PUT TOO
MUCH
SPICE ON
EVERY
SINGLE
DISH.



I DO NOT
PREFER IT, BUT
IT IS GOOD TO
HAVE A UNIQUE
FLAVOR.

FAR-
ANGIS,
YOU
COULD
HANDLE
IT?



I'M DYING
TO DRINK
THE NABEED
WE HAVE
BACK HOME.

WE'LL BE
ABLE TO
EAT WARM
PARSIAN
FOOD
SOON!

THE REMNANTS
OF GADHEVI'S
ARMY WON'T
ATTACK US,
WILL THEY?

I HOPE
WE'RE
ABLE TO
RETURN
TO PARS
WITHOUT
INCIDENT.

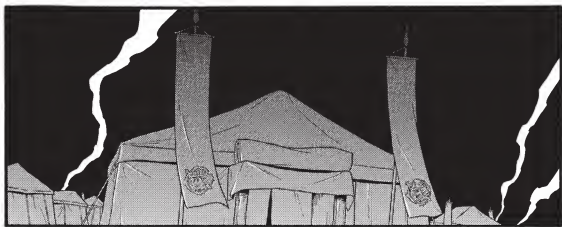
WE
WERE IN A
FOREIGN
LAND FOR
THREE
WHOLE
MONTHS.

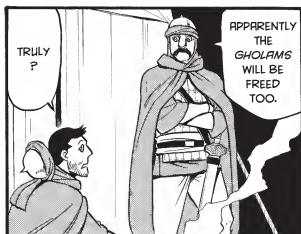
THE
CEREMONY
OF THE
NEW YEAR
WAS RIGHT
AFTER
WE LEFT
PESHAWAR,
SO...



IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS,
WE CAN
LET THEM
HANDLE IT.

YOU WORRY
TOO MUCH! WE
HAVE 3,000
OF GADHEVI'S
CAVALRYMEN
WITH US.







FLAMES
HAVE SHOT
UP IN THE
PERSIAN
CAMP!



To be continued...